

Use the sources provided to answer Question 11.

**Constitutional recognition of Indigenous peoples**

1982	1988	1995	2008	2009	?
Canada	Norway	Finland	Ecuador	Bolivia	Australia

**An Indigenous Australian's view of Constitutional recognition**

'What I would like to see within the Constitution . . . is a very broad, encompassing principle of equality and equal rights that recognises Aboriginal People as having unique rights as well as human rights and citizenship rights – a broad principle but one that also recognises our unique position in Australia.'

Ms Thomas, extract from Transcript of Evidence,  
*Reforming our Constitution: A roundtable discussion*,  
House of Representatives, Canberra, 2008

- 11 The Australian Government is considering the recognition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in the Australian Constitution. 6

To what extent can government initiatives like this address the social justice experiences of Indigenous peoples in Australia and other countries?

For Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to be recognised in the Australian Constitution, social justice may be eradicated with only some small cases here and there, the ~~moral~~ moral of all Indigenous people who are yet to be recognised will be lifted and the social justice problems such as racism, unemployment rates will eventually be a thing of the past.